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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

A method comprising:
 displaying a web based game; and
 receiving control input for the game from a television remote
control.

- The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 displaying a set of game control options in a matrix format.
- The method of claim 1, further comprising:displaying a set of web based games as navigation options.
- 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising: receiving control input from a second television remote control.
- 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the game is one of a video game and a gambling game.
- 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 tracking the online status of a group of individuals designated
 by a user.
- 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising: providing a game matching service to a user.
- 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the control input is unique input.
- 9. A method comprising:
 executing a game on a server;
 displaying the game remotely at a first location on a first television; and

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receiving control input remotely from a first television remote control at the first location.

- 10. The method of 9, further comprising:

 providing access to the game from a simplified navigation interface for web content on a television.
- 11. The method of claim 9, wherein the game is one of a video game and a gambling game.
- 12. The method of claim 9, further comprising: displaying the game remotely at a second location on a second television.
- 13. The method of claim 12, further comprising: receiving control input remotely from a second television control.
- 14. A machine readable medium having stored therein a set of instructions which when executed cause a machine to perform a set of operations comprising:

displaying a web based game; and receiving control input for the game from a television remote control.

15. The machine readable medium of claim 14 having further instructions stored therein which when executed cause a machine to perform a set of operations, further comprising:

displaying a set of game control options in a matrix format.

16. The machine readable medium of claim 14 having further instructions stored therein which when executed cause a machine to perform a set of operations, further comprising:

displaying a set of web based games as navigation options.

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17. The machine readable medium of claim 14 having further instructions stored therein which when executed cause a machine to perform a set of operations, further comprising:

receiving control input from a second television remote control.